

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this bill. I think it is high time that we have a beef checkoff in Nebraska, and why do I say this? I say it because I believe that we need to promote our beef industry. I also think that we need to do more advertising. We have seen what the pork industry has done and I think the beef industry could do as well if not better. I also think we need to do more research and, of course, like Senator Haberman just said, the bill would provide that we'd contract with others to do this research and we'd back it up with some dollars. And I think if we can accomplish this, well, it certainly is going to help the beef industry in Nebraska. Therefore, I would ask you to support this bill.

PRESIDENT: An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the bill and the Haberman amendment is on page 653 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to interrupt momentarily to announce that guests of Senator Landis in the North balcony are 20 first grade students from Clinton School in Lincoln, Nebraska with the teacher, Miss Linda Barnett and four sponsors. Welcome to our proceedings. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendment was proposed by the Secretary of State or the amendment was proposed by the Secretary of State and it does the following: It provides that a producer who is subject to the checkoff and who will be voting for the members of the board must be a registered voter. It also provides that election shall mean the general election. In other words the board members would not appear on the ballot in special or primary elections but only in the general elections. A filing date of August the 1st is provided for all candidates for the general election. Finally, the amendments provide that the candidates for the beef checkoff board shall be exempt from the requirements of the Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion of the amendment? Senator Kahle. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the Haberman amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.